

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3598 - SB 3697

March 22, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the qualifications for employment as a surgical technologist to include national certification through the Tech in Surgery-Certified (TS-C) exam offered by the Nation Center for Competency Testing (NCCT), completion of a surgical technology program through the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), successful completion of the NCCT TS-C exam, and/or completion of a surgical technology program that is in the process of becoming ABHES certified on July 1, 2006.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in state expenditures to amend the hospital and ambulatory surgical treatment center regulations relative to surgical technologists.
- Any increase to train facility survey staff can be absorbed within existing resources of the Department.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director